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MEETINGS IN VENEZUELA

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1. REPRESENTATIVES OF TWO INTERNATIONAL TRADE SECRETARIATS, THE INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) AND THE POST TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE INTERNATIONAL ARE HOLDING MEETINGS IN VENEZUELA THIS WEEK. PTI GENERAL SECRETARY STEFEN NEDZINSKY, LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE LOUIS MOORE AND STAFFER PEPE LARCO ARRIVED CARACAS FEBRUARY 22 TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH VENEZUELAN TRADE UNION LEADERS OVER THE RECENT DISAFFILIATION FROM PTI OF VENEZUELAN AFFILIATES. (SEE CARACAS 10257, OCT 19, 1977 AND A-149 OCT 25, 1977). AS INDICATED IN REFERENCE MESSAGES, DISAFFILIATION DECISION FOLLOWED PTI
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CONTINENTAL CONGRESS CHOICE OF CESAR OLARTE AS A LATIN AMERICAN MEMBER OF THE PTI EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RATHER THAN VENEZUELAN WORKERS CONFEDERATION (CTV) CANDIDATE, LUIS OJEDA. CTV STILL BITTER OVER DECISION AND FROM BRIEF CONVERSATION LABOR ATTACHE HAD WITH LOUIS MOORE, NO EASY BASIS FOR COMPROMISE IS NOW APPARENT. CLEARLY DECISION OF PTI SECRETARY GENERAL NEDZINSKY TO TRAVEL

TO CARACAS DEMONSTRATES HIS CONCERN OVER DISAFFILIATION
DECISION AND DESIRE TO PATCH THINGS UP. EMBASSY WILL
REPORT DEVELOPMENTS. UNDERSTAND NEDZINSKY AND MOORE LEAVE
FEBRUARY 25 FOR BRAZIL.

2. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FIRST TIME. SITE OF
THE FEBRUARY 22-23 MEETING IS THE MACUTO SHERATON HOTEL
ON THE COAST NEAR CARACAS. LABOR ATTACHE CONVERSATIONS
WITH DELEGATES INDICATED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE
CONCERN OVER THE SAO PAULO STATE METALWORKERS FEDERATIONS
THREAT TO LEAVE THE IMF. EMBASSY WILL REPORT WHAT IT
LEARNS FROM THE CONFERENCE.
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